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MARRIAGE.

At Vienna, on the 24th May, MATTHEW, elder  
daughter of Mr. H. K. KENNEDY, of Shanghai,  
and ADOLF, only son of JAMES SCHWAB, of Vienna.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 26th, 1896.

At the Royal United Service Institution,  
on the 5th June, Vice-Admiral P. H.  
COLVILL delivered a lecture on "The  
Functions of the Army and Navy in the  
Defence of the Empire," a subject of some  
practical importance for us in Hongkong,  
inasmuch as it involves the question of  
whether we are to rely upon the Navy or  
upon fortifications for our defence in time of  
war, or partly upon one and partly upon the  
other. If we are to rely upon the fortifica-  
tions alone we are in sorry plight, the  
armament and the garrison being alike in-  
sufficient for the requirements. Admiral  
COLVILL'S argument, however, is that owing  
to "the defensive action of the Navy, ex-  
penditure on localised and fixed military  
defences, where there are no land frontiers,  
can be largely reduced with perfect safety;  
and that, if this is done, we can have a  
mobile military force sufficient for our im-  
perial needs without any great increase of  
cost." The gallant officer holds "that the  
Empire is not safe with only so small a  
military force ready to embark at short  
notice" as we have at present and he would  
therefore reduce the expenditure on fixed  
military defences and apply the money so  
saved to the increase of our mobile force.

In the debate which followed Field Marshal  
Sir Llewellyn SIMONS, a former Inspector-  
General of Fortifications, said:—"He re-  
membered that in 1855 there was a great  
hubbub at the time Lord PALMERSTON was  
Premier. He started a commission with  
"regard to the defence of our naval ports,"  
on which a large sum was expended. He  
"himself believed they were useful as they  
were, but he thought it very doubtful  
whether, if the Government had placed  
the question before a commission of the  
"two services competent to deal with it,  
these port defences would ever have been  
"carried." The Times terms this a giving  
up of the case of the extreme advocates  
of fortifications. Some years ago the  
fortification school was in the ascendant  
and the principle as applied theoretically to  
Hongkong, though never completely carried  
out, was that the colony should be able  
to defend itself against a hostile attack with  
present assistance from the navy. At the  
opinion seems to be tendency of professional

Admiral COLVILL'S views being those now  
generally held, namely, that the  
principle to be followed should be, not to  
prepare to meet attacks on positions when  
made, but to prevent the enemy from com-  
templating such attacks, to convince him  
that he will not have time to complete an  
attack on any locality before the general  
defending force is upon him, to produce in  
his mind the conviction that if he cannot  
subdue by his concentrated mobile force the  
concentrated mobile force of his opponent,  
he can make no attacks at all, but such as  
are in the nature of surprises, and, there-  
fore, on a very small scale. "But," the  
Admiral goes on to say, "in every  
"part, island, or shore open to the  
"enemy's attack the army must be able to  
"warn him that he will be kept at bay  
"until the defending naval force arrives.  
"How the army can best do this is a  
"separate question, to be more or less  
"separately treated for each locality." We  
can only hope that this "separate question"  
will be treated, so far as Hongkong is con-  
cerned, on the lines of a large addition to  
our garrison and a material strengthening  
of our defences.

We would direct attention to the letter of  
the Right Rev. Bishop BURTON, enclosing  
one from Bishop AWMY, published in  
another column. The distress caused by the  
recent tidal wave in Japan is extreme,  
and doubtless there are many people  
in Hongkong who would wish to contribute  
to its relief. Bishop BURTON expresses  
himself ready to take charge of any  
subscriptions, but if his Lordship should  
wish to be relieved of the clerical work  
attaching to the office of treasurer  
of a public fund we have no doubt  
some gentleman in mercantile life would  
be found ready to take his place in  
that respect. If any fund is raised  
in Hongkong the best channel that could  
be found for its distribution would be  
the committee formed at Kobe. A public  
meeting was held at that port on the 25th  
June, when a representative committee  
was appointed consisting (with additions  
made subsequently) of Mr. SIM, Mr.  
HAFER, Rev. J. L. ATKINSON, Mr. LENO,  
Bishop AWMY, Mr. VON KRECKEL, Mr.  
DE AZU, and Mr. C. H. FALL. At the  
date of our last notice from Kobe the sub-  
scriptions at that port amounted to \$4,000,  
and it was agreed by the committee to utilise  
\$1,000 at once in the purchase of tools, etc.,  
as a beginning. In a few days Mr. SIM  
went to go north and personally distribute  
these among the people who are at present re-  
quiring only some help as this to put them  
on their feet again and beyond the need of  
any further charity. He would then also,  
(we quote from the Kobe Chronicle) "have  
"an opportunity of studying the further  
"requirements of the situation, a necessary  
"step for which his unique experiences  
"make him specially qualified." At the  
public meeting at Kobe it was at first  
suggested that the funds raised at that port  
should be handed over to the Yokohama com-  
mittee, but it being thought, apparently, that  
it was unnecessary to have a committee at each  
port, but a proposition to that effect was not  
carried. This was fortunate, for it appears  
that the Yokohama committee are giving  
their collections to the native authorities for  
distribution, and as the Kobe Chronicle  
points out, there are reasons, well known to  
Kobe residents of 1885 (Osaka flood) and  
1891 (Gifu earthquake), why any unknown  
Japanese offering to take over the funds for  
distribution should be fully guaranteed.

This is why we suggest that the funds raised  
in Hongkong should be forwarded to the  
Kobe committee, for distribution, for that  
committee intends to carry out the work  
itself with Mr. SIM, well known to many in  
Hongkong, as its chief executive officer.

The P. &amp; O. steamer Java, from China, arrived

at London on the evening of the 4th inst.

Two cases of plague from the city were reported

yesterday. The total for the year is

now 1,132.

From the Mercury we learn that a company  
called "Hun Lee" has been established at  
Sookchay for the making of red bricks and tiles  
by foreign machinery.

There are renewed rumours of the formation  
of a new Triple Alliance in the Far East, the  
parties being Great Britain, Germany, and  
Japan.—N. C. Daily News.

The China Mutual steamer Ningchow from  
Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester, left Singa-  
pore for this port on Monday and may be ex-  
pected here on or about the 12th inst.

The China Mutual steamer Opacok, from  
Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal  
yesterday and may be considered due at Singa-  
pore on or about the 25th inst.

We have been favoured by the Spanish Consul  
with a copy of the following telegram from  
the Manila Observatory, 6th July.  
"There is another depression approaching Luzon  
by the northern provinces."

The P. & O. steamer City of Peking, with  
malls, etc., which left Hong Kong 7th for  
San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, and  
Yokohama, arrived at the latter port on the 4th inst.

To-morrow night, at eight o'clock, a gymnastic  
competition will take place at the Victoria Barracks  
under the auspices of the Rifle Brigade. The  
programme is an interesting one, and there will  
undoubtedly be a large attendance.

It is reported among well-informed Chinese  
that the main body of the Chinese troops in the  
last interview with Prince Bismarck was the  
desirability of China's securing Germany's  
protection against Russian encroachments. The  
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For some time past, says the Kobe Herald,  
the Manila line of the N.Y.K. steamers has  
been discontinued, owing to the number of  
passengers taken up by the Japanese for special  
service. As most of the steamers have been  
handed back now, and the summer season is  
approaching, the Company intends to resume  
service before long. The steamer to be placed  
on the Manila line will call at Japan, Hong-  
kong, and Formosa.

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